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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

THROUGH : Executive Director

SUBJECT : Inspector General Survey of NPIC

1. You are directed to conduct a comprehensive survey of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC). For this purpose the inspection team may be augmented by additional team members and consultants as provided below.
2. In addition to the customary emphasis on regulatory authorities, efficiency of personnel, and quality of morale, the inspection of NPIC should examine, but not be limited to, the following questions, bringing to bear such outside technical competence as may be required to resolve them:
 - a. Is NPIC adequately staffed? Does it have sufficient qualified personnel, particularly photo interpreters, to maintain production abreast of outstanding requirements?
 - b. Has NPIC adopted the most modern procedures for photographic interpretation and does it maintain the level of these standards? To this end does it employ the most advanced technical equipment available and use it efficiently in intelligence readout?
 - c. Are there any existing devices and procedures not being employed by NPIC which might contribute to the fuller exploitation of the intelligence content available in NPIC photography? For example, is it practicable to adapt stereo scan equipment to improve our capability for spotting new intelligence targets in available photography?

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d. Has the growing accumulation of photography been fully and systematically exploited to ensure its exhaustive analysis in the light of current requirements? In the direction of NPIC as an enterprise in support of the entire intelligence community has sufficient planning been accomplished for its role and functions in time of war?

e. Are the production priorities at NPIC sound? Do they make adequate provision for the support of operational missions and crash requirements with due regard to requirements and interests of all USIB consumers?

3. In conducting the above survey the Inspector General will call upon the services of such cleared consultants as may be appropriate in the light of technical problems which can be anticipated or which may arise. At the discretion of the Inspector General he may augment the survey team with expert staff officers available from the Directorates who would be detailed to the Inspection Staff for the duration of the survey or any part of it.

(signed) Marshall S. Carter

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Deputy Director

cc: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Director, NPIC

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